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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Update to Common Access Card/Public Key Infrastructure Mandate

1. References:

- a. Memorandum, NETC-EST-A, 3 Jul 03, subject: Common Access Card (CAC)/Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) Implementation.
- b. Meeting between OASD (NII) and Component CIOs, 21 Jul 03, subject: PKI Evolution.
- c. Smart Card Senior Coordinating Group (SCSCG) Meeting, 6 Aug 03.
- d. Draft DoDI 8520.aa, ASD (NII), subject: Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) and Public Key Enabling (PKE).
- e. Draft Memorandum, DoD CIO, subject: Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) and Public Key Enabling (PKE) Implementation Milestones.
- f. Memorandum, DoD CIO, 17 May 01, subject: Public Key Enabling (PKE) of Applications, Web Servers, and Networks for the Department of Defense (DoD).

2. The purpose of this memorandum is to provide notice that waiver requests for relief from the DoD CAC/PKI mandate described in reference (a) are not required at this time. Recent senior level DoD CAC and PKI meetings, including references (b) and (c), have yielded an ongoing review of the 1 Oct 03 DoD CAC/PKI mandate. This review was prompted by issuance delays caused in part by the conclusion of the upgrading and fielding of the issuance infrastructure, as well as recent deployments and the associated strain of mobilization/demobilization.

3. Preliminary indications are that the DoD will change the CAC/PKI issuance mandate to a date no earlier than 2nd Quarter, FY04. Once the DoD publishes references (d) and (e), the Army will release specific milestones.

4. Presently, reference (f) mandates that Mission Category I applications be Public Key Enabled (PKE) for Class 4 operation no later than 31 Dec 03. Enabling of these applications involves utilization of Class 4 certificates, which have not yet begun to be

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issued. Plans for issuing Class 4 certificates are closely tied to the DoD PKI Program Management Office's plans for PKI Evolution, which have not been finalized. Thus it is anticipated that this milestone will also be adjusted appropriately. Further, mandates to enable network authentication and enabling private web-based applications to use PKI are pending further PKI developmental work by DoD and the Services.

5. As per reference (a), in order to meet these milestones, organizations should identify and prioritize those individuals requiring PKI services. A CAC reader and middleware must be installed on the user's desktop to make use of the CAC's PKI certificates. The aggressive execution of this effort is key to securing the Army's communication infrastructure. Further, all issuance sites shall report CAC reader installation progress on a weekly basis via the following Web site: <https://setdweb.setd.army.mil>.

6. The Army senior leadership appreciates the noteworthy efforts that Army personnel have made to date. As of 1 Aug 03, the Army has issued 1,123,498 CACs, which is more than any other service. Additionally, 65% of all eligible Army personnel have been issued CACs. Continue the great work towards helping us build a more secure Army information infrastructure!

7. The point of contact for this announcement is Mr. Jim Lynch, Army CAC/PKI, DSN: 329-1587, Comm: 703-601-1587, Email: netcom-iacac/pki@hqda.army.mil.



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